ment for trifurcation of Indian Telephone Industries; if so, the details and objectives thereof; and

(b) whether the Department of Electronics has not favoured splitting up of ITI in view of the world wide trend favouring merger of similar units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) A proposal has been mooted to reorganise the top management structure of Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) to introduce an element of competition amongst the three constituents and provide Boards of Management in close proximity to the units thereby leading to greater autonomy. The pros and cons of the proposal are under consideration.

(b) Yes, Sir.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report (1986-87) of the Commission of Railway Safety

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Report of the Commission of Railway Safety for the year 1986-87. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT--4981/87].

I **Report and Accounts (1985-86) of the Shipping Development Fund Committee and related papers.**

II. **Calcutta Port Trust Employees (Classification, Control and Appeal Regulations, 1987.**

III. **New Mangalore Port Trust Employees (Leave Travel Concession) Amendment Regulations, 1987.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Sir, on behalf of Shri Rajesh Pilot I lay on the Table—

I (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers under sub-section (6) of Section 16 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958:—

(i) Twenty-Seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Shipping Development Fund Committee for the year 1985-86 together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government of the above Report.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at I(i) above.

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Ports Wing), under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963:—

(i) G.S.R. No; 700(E); dated 10th August, 1987, approving the Calcutta Port Trust Employees' (Classification, Control and Appeal) Regulations, 1987.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 753(E), dated the 3rd September, 1987, approving the New Mangalore Port Trust Employees (Leave Travel Concession) Amendment Regulations, 1987. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT— 87/].

I. **Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue).**

II. **Central Excise (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 1987.**

III. **Expenditure-tax Rules, 1987.**

IV. **Income-tax (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 1987.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the

Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications.—

(i) G.S.R. No. 725(E), dated the 21st August, 1987, amending Government Notification No. 151/82-Customs, dated the 14th May, 1982, so as to exempt the imported goods from so much of the basic and auxiliary duties of customs as are leviable on the handling charges incurred at the Inland Container Depot.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 787(E), dated the 16th September, 1987, seeking to exempt specified goods from whole of basic and additional duties of customs when imported for the purpose of manufacture of DTP vaccines.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 788(E), dated the 16th September, 1987 amending Notification No. 207/87-Customs dated 12-5-1987 so as to exempt goods, covered by notification No. 314/87-Customs G.S.R. No 787(E) dated 16-9-87 from the auxiliary duty of customs leviable thereon.

(iv) G.S R No. 811(E), dated the 22nd September 1987, exempting consumable goods required for the purpose of research, when imported into India by any Research Institution registered with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) or by any University, from the whole of the basic and additional duties of customs leviable thereon.

(v) G S.R. No. 812(E), dated the 22nd September 1987, amending Notification No 207/87-Customs dated 12-5-87 so as to exempt goods covered by notification No. 321/87-Customs G.S.R. No. 811(E) dated 22-9-87 from auxiliary duty of customs leviable thereon.

(vi) G S R No. 818(E), dated the 24th September 1987, amending Notification No. 67/87-Customs dated 1-3-87 so as to extend the benefit of concession to such parts for Caustic Soda Plants which are being initially set up and also to plants which are being subjected to substantial expansion, and also to both types of membrane electrolysers and components thereof.

(vii) G.S.R. No. 819(E), dated the 24th September 1987, amending Notification No. 129/76-Customs dated 2nd August, 1976 so as to reduce the basic customs duty on pulses from 25 per cent *ad valorem* to 10 per cent *ad valorem*.

(viii) G S.R. No. 825(E), dated the 28th September 1987, amending Notification No. 164/87-Customs dated 9-4-87 so as to extend upto 31st March 1988 the validity thereof in regard to exemption of titanium dioxide from basic/additional duties of customs.

(ix) G.S.R. No. 826(E) dated the 28th September, 1987 Amending Notification No. 522/86-Customs, dated 31-12-1986 so as to extend upto the 31st March, 1988 the validity thereof in regard to concessional rates of customs duty for imported steel sheets or blanks when used in the manufacture of body panels of fuel efficient motor cars/vans of engine capacity not exceeding 1000 CC.

(x) G.S.R. No. 828(E), dated the 28th September, 1987, amending certain customs notifications so as to extend the time-limit for attaining the norms of fuel efficiency for purposes of import duty concessions, upto the 31st March, 1988.

(xi) G S.R. No. 829(E). dated the 29th September 1987, amending Notification No. 386/86-Customs dated 29-7-86 so as to include dicarboxylic acid mixtures also along with dicarboxylic acid, for purposes of the said notification

(xii) G.S R. No 830(E), dated the 29th September, 1987. exempting Lithium Carbonate from basic customs duty in excess of 25 per cent *ad valorem* and from the whole of the additional duty of Customs when

imported for purposes of energy saving and pollution control in the aluminium industry

(xiii) G.S.R. No. 831(E), dated the 29th September 1987 amending Notification No. 207|87-Customs dated 12th May, 1987, so as to exempt Lithium Carbonate, covered by Notification No. 332|87-Customs G.S.R. No. 830(E), dated the 29th September, 1987, from the whole of the auxiliary duty of customs leviable thereon.

[Placed in Library. *See* No LT—4952|87 for (i) to (xiii)]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification G.S.R. No. 761(E), dated the 9th September, 1987, publishing the Central Excise (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 1987, under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944, together with an Explanatory Memorandum on the Notification. [Placed in Library. *See* No LT—4950|87].

III. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification S.O. No. 939(E), dated the 26th October, 1987, publishing the Expenditure-tax Rules, 1987, under sub-section (4) of section 31 of the Expenditure Tax Act, 1987. [Placed in Library. *See* No LT—4949|87].

IV. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification S.O. No. 963(E), dated the 29th October, 1987, publishing the Income-tax (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 1987, under section 296 of the Income Tax Act, 1961. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—4951|87]

V. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), together with Explanatory Memoranda thereon:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 768(E), dated the 11th September, 1987, prescribing a duty of Rs. 9.24 per Kilogram on nylon filament yarn.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 771(E), dated the 11th September, 1987, superseding notification No. 473|87-Central Excise dated 30-12-1986, so as to continue the concessional rate of excise duty of 10 per cent ad valorem on goods supplied for use in Hazira-Bijapur-Jagdishpur Project only leaving out the other two organisations, namely, Oil and Natural Gas Commission and the Oil India Limited from the purview of the said notifications.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 772(E), dated the 11th September 1987, seeking to continue the concessional rate of excise duty of 10 per cent ad valorem on the goods cleared for supply to the Oil and Natural Gas Commission or the Oil India Limited for their Oil exploration or exploitation activity.

(iv) G.S.R. No. 778(E), dated the 15th September, 1987, seeking to rescind notification No 75|87-Central Excises dated the 10th February, 1986 and No. 309|86-Central Excises, dated the 20th May 1986.

(v) G.S.R. No 779(E), dated the 15th September, 1987, exempting from the whole of the duty of excise leviable on parts and accessories of motor vehicles, tractors (including agricultural tractors) and trailers falling under Chapter 45 or 68, provided that the said parts and accessories are used as original equipments in the manufacture of such internal combustion engines or parts and accessories of motor vehicles as are for the time being exempt from the whole of the duty of excise leviable thereon

(vi) G.S.R. No 780(E), dated the 15th September, 1987, seeking to exempt from the whole of the duty of excise leviable on parts of motor vehicles, tractors (including agricultural tractors) and trailers, falling under Chapter 40, 48, 73, 84 or 85 and spe-

notification, provided that the said specified parts are used as original equipments in the manufacture of such internal combustion engines as are for the time being exempt from the whole of the duty of excise leviable thereon.

(vii) G.S.R. No. 817(E), dated 23rd September, 1987, extending upto 1st November, 1987, the validity of Notification No. 190/87-Central Excise dated the 4th August, 1987 in regard to withdrawal of the benefit of higher Modvat credit.

(viii) G.S.R. No. 827(E), dated the 29th September, 1987, amending Notification No. 463/86-Central Excise dated 9th December, 1986, so as to extend upto 31st March, 1988, the validity of the concessional rate of excise duty for light commercial vehicles employing Indirect Injection type diesel engines manufactures under a phased manufacturing programe.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—4953/87 for (i) to (viii)]

I. Documents relating to the commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, Vancouver, 1987.

II. Documents relating to the third SAARC Summit, Kathmandu, 1987.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) On behalf of SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following documents relating to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, Vancouver 1987:—

(i) The Vancouver Declaration on World Trade

(ii) The Okanagan Statement on Southern Africa and Programme of Action.

(iii) Statement on Fiji.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—4954/87 for (i) (iii)]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following documents relating to the Third SAARC Summit. Kathmandu 1987:—

(i) Joint Press Release.

(ii) Kathmandu Declaration.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—4955/87 for (i) and (ii)]

RE. Question Hour

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now special mentions. Shri Sukomal Sen.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Sir, before you go to special mentions, I was trying to draw your attention I thought you would call me. Sir, I wanted to request you Today, we have taken up only two questions. In the previous session we had achieved a rate of 8 to 10 questions. I would request you. The Ministers prepare. We also prepare. Money is spent. But questions are not progressing. There must be, Sir, a method. You call three, four, five and limit it to a certaintime limit. Unless we make 8 to 10 questions a day, we are not seriously doing our job. For heaven's sake, I request you. What Mr Tytler said is quite correct. There are very interesting questions for us. The Minister himself is saying. Last year also he said. Please arrange a discussion on education. Let us finish with it. But asking long questions, In the Question Hour, on policy matters is not the convention of the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Kindly sit down.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: I would only request you to bear with me and take up ten questions a day. Otherwise, we are not satisfied here.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am willing to have 20 questions I have been asking for co-operation from the Members.